



TO INSPIRE AND PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO LIVE CREATIVE, FULFILLING AND RESPONSIBLE LIVES



This Month

National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month. A huge thank you to our staff and community members acting as mentors to students in our schools. You are so appreciated!

This Week

1/22-23: No School

Wednesday 1/24: Principal in Training- 2nd grade winner

Thursday 1/25: Principal in Training- 1st grade winner

Friday 1/26: Principal in Training- Kindergarten winner
Weekend Kids Meals
RCU School \$ense

Looking Ahead

Monday 1/29: Report cards go home

Tuesday 1/30: Kindergarten field trip to the Children's Museum

Friday 2/2: RCU School \$ense
Weekend Kids Meals

Pop Top Challenge



Keep saving pop tops! Starting in February we will have a friendly grade level competition. Please watch the Fly Sheet and school folders for more information.

The Fly Sheet

Week of January 23, 2024

Flynn Elementary School

715.852.3300

Yog koj xav tau tus neeg Hmoob txhais tsab ntwv no ua lus Hmoob rau koj los yog koj muaj lus nug txog tsab ntwv no, hu rau (Saleen Xiong 715-852-3386).

Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, llame a Kresly Rodriguez Martinez al (715) 852-4246



Weekly Words from Mr. Schmitt

This is the third year that our elementary schools are utilizing semester grading. Our first semester ended on Friday (January 19).

Our schools are closed for a workday to prepare report cards on Monday, and a professional learning day on Tuesday. There will be some processing of report cards this coming week before they are sent home in student folders on Monday, January 29. The report card is an important document to prepare us for Family-Teacher Conferences at the end of February. If you have any questions about the grading process, please contact your student's teacher.

Scenes from Flynn

Students helped Ms. Steffens with the first snowfall.



Third grade had a great time using boomwhackers in music class.



Our PTO Winter formal was a success. Thank you to the caring adults who planned this amazing event. It was an experience students will talk about for years to come. Click on the photo for more pictures.





Hello from the Flynn PTO!

We are looking forward to the second round of Principal in Training days this week. Thank you to everyone that participated!

Be sure to look at the updates to the Spring Calendar that was sent home.

Our upcoming events include the Book Fair at Teacher Parent Conferences in February. As well as Flynn's Got Talent in March. Be on the lookout for information coming home!

[PTO Spring Events Update](#)

Have a Great Week,
Your Flynn PTO

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are always happy to accept donations of the following items:

- ❖ **Nonperishable food** items for our Flynn Family Foods. Below is a list of most desired items:
 - Canned fruits and vegetables
 - Boxed or canned dinners (beef stew, chili, etc.)
 - Cereal
 - Canned soup
 - Pasta and sauce
 - Granola bars
 - Quick and ready meals/items- like Spaghettios
 - Protein- Canned tuna or chicken
- ❖ **Classroom snacks**- individually wrapped snacks
- ❖ **Sweat pants**-Sizes small-XL

Donations can be brought to Flynn, or contact Jessica Hoff at jhoff@ecasd.us or 715-852-3307 to coordinate.



Counselor Corner



In classroom counseling lessons, Kindergarten began learning about something called the *Group Plan*; this is when everyone is doing the same thing and having the same thoughts. In our lesson, we read about some kids who were helping to make apple pie and ice cream, but they needed to work together on the group plan to accomplish their tasty goal! We also played a game called Apple Scramble where we got to practice our plan of getting all the apples into the bucket!

Second grade continued conversations about empathy and began talking about triggers. Triggers are things that cause our emotion levels to change and make us feel frustrated, mad, upset or worried. A good question to ask when talking about triggers is "What is one thing you can do this week when you experience this trigger?" Asking yourself (or your kiddo) this question in a neutral setting can help you make a plan for the future and feel more successful navigating big emotions.

CAUTION!
TRIGGERS AHEAD

Mindful Moment: Mental Rehearsal

Perseverance is our character trait this month. If you're working through something challenging, or supporting someone through a challenging event, give Mental Rehearsal a try! First, close your eyes. Next, imagine what you need to do in your mind. Then, picture what you need to succeed and see yourself doing an AWESOME job! (Adapted from "Mindfulness Skills for Kids" Card Deck by Debra Burdick, LCSW)

(Caution Triggers Ahead sign taken from The Zones of Regulation by Leah M Kuypers)



The beginning of a new year is a great time to work on further developing good habits and setting goals. One goal that is great to set and

work towards is an "I'm saving for..." goal. It can be a challenge that's fun to work on and enjoy as a family. Using a goal chart like the one here can provide a visual that helps encourage your child as they save money each week.

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Flynn Elementary for every 500 deposits made. Your Royal School \$ense location is open on Friday each week to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. The highest number of deposits we have had in one day at Flynn this year is 25 deposits. Can we beat that in the New Year?? Let's try! Don't forget your pouches on Friday and let's see if we can hit 30 deposits!

If you want to know how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact Rachel Orlovsky at rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org



The Fly Sheet

Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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A message from Heather Griffith

Hi!

Welcome to 2024!

This newsletter is the one that contains all the information in regard to summer camps and they fill up fast! If any of your families have questions this is where to send them. Miracle League sign ups will be in the February issue when registration is out.

Thanks for ALL you do to support our students that receive services! If there is any way I can be a support to you please reach out!

Heather Griffith

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Special Education Family Engagement Letter

This newsletter has lots of tips, tricks and opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

<https://www.smore.com/ga3bw-family-engagement-newsletter?ref=email>

From the Eau Claire Public Library

Follow the link for a digital copy of events for youth. [Library Digital Calendar](#)

Youth Services Calendar of Events ❄️❄️❄️ January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LIBRARY CLOSED 	2 Teen BookBox available	Sign up for the FAMILY and TEEN Winter Library Program! December 26-February 29			6
7	8	9 6:30 p.m. Teen Litwits	10	11	12	13 1-3 p.m. LEGO Club
14	15 LIBRARY CLOSED for staff in-service	16 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	17 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless 5 p.m. Story Seekers	18 4 p.m. Stitch Club 6-7:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons Academy	19 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime	20 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime → followed by Pablo Center ARTmobile 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab
21	22 2-3 p.m. Cubing Club 2-3 p.m. Taste Test Challenge 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	23 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab 6:30 p.m. Anime Watch Party	24 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless	25 4 p.m. Stitch Club 5 p.m. Page Turners	26 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime	27 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime → followed by Pablo Center ARTmobile 1-3 p.m. LEGO Club
28	29 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	30 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	31 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless 4:30 p.m. Pokémon Club			
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Infant/Preschool events •School-age events •Teen events •Family events 		To see ALL events, scan the QR code. 	715-839-5007 ystaff@eauclaire.lib.wi.us L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library www.ecpubliclibrary.info		Registration is required for some events. See reverse for details. 

ECASD and Community Resources

Click above for resources

Having Small Talks to Make a Big Impact

Short, frequent conversations with your kids about preventing underage drinking and other drug use can make a big impression. This winter holiday season, talk with your kids about the risks of substance use and set expectations for them.

Visit these resources to get tips on how to starting talking:

- www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov
- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks

Why Small Conversations Make a Big Impression

-  Short, frequent discussions can make a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.
-  Talking can build an open, trusting relationship with your child.
-  Many little talks are more effective than one "big talk."